

1     **WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

- 2     1.     An automated slip puller apparatus comprising:
- 3             (a)     a slip base located on a rotary table;
- 4             (b)     a pulling mechanism pivotally attached to the slip base,
- 5             (c)     slips connected to the pulling mechanism; and
- 6             (d)     at least one cylinder connected to the pulling mechanism and operable to
- 7                     move the pulling mechanism between an activated and a deactivated
- 8                     position, wherein no portion of the pulling mechanism is outside of the
- 9                     boundary of the rotary table.
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- 11    2.     The automated slip puller apparatus of claim 1, wherein the slip base is connected
- 12             to the rotary table via the kelly bushing receptacles.
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- 14    3.     The automated slip puller apparatus of claim 1, wherein the slip base is connected
- 15             to the rotary table via magnets.
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- 17    4.     The automated slip puller apparatus of claim 1, wherein the cylinder comprises a
- 18             hydraulic cylinder.
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- 20    5.     The automated slip puller apparatus of claim 1, wherein the cylinder comprises a
- 21             pneumatic cylinder.
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- 23    6.     The automated slip puller apparatus of claim 1, wherein the pulling mechanism
- 24             comprises at least one bottom arm.
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- 26    7.     The automated slip puller apparatus of claim 1, wherein the pulling mechanism
- 27             comprises a top arm.
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- 29    8.     The automated slip puller apparatus of claim 1, wherein the pulling mechanism
- 30             comprises a pull arm.
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- 1 9. The automated slip puller apparatus of claim 1, wherein the slips are suspended  
2 from an accommodating link connected to a pull arm extension.  
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- 4 10. The automated slip puller apparatus of claim 1, wherein the pulling mechanism  
5 comprises at least one bottom arm, a top arm, a pull arm, and a pull arm  
6 extension.  
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- 8 11. The automated slip puller apparatus of claim 10, wherein at least one bottom arm  
9 and the top arm exhibit a parallelogram geometry, both in the activated and  
10 deactivated position.  
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- 12 12. The automated slip puller apparatus of claim 1, wherein the pulling mechanism is  
13 encased in a protective sheath.  
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- 15 13. The automated slip puller apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus is  
16 manipulated via remote control.  
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- 18 14. The automated slip puller apparatus of claim 1, wherein no portion of the pulling  
19 mechanism is outside the boundary of the rotary table when in the activated  
20 position.  
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- 22 15. The automated slip puller apparatus of claim 1, wherein no portion of the  
23 automated slip puller is outside the boundary of the rotary table.  
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- 25 16. An apparatus for manipulating tubular members comprising:  
26 (a) a slip base attached to a rotary table;  
27 (b) gripping means for engaging the tubular members,  
28 (c) manipulating means for moving the gripping means between an activated  
29 and deactivated position; and

- 1 (d) connecting means, attached to the slip base, for connecting the gripping  
2 means to the manipulating means, wherein no portion of the connecting  
3 means is outside of the boundary of the rotary table.  
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- 5 17. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the slip base is attached to the rotary table via  
6 the kelly bushing receptacles.  
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- 8 18. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the slip base is connected to the rotary table  
9 via magnets.  
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- 11 19. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the connecting means exhibits a parallelogram  
12 both in the activated and deactivated position.  
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- 14 20. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the connecting means and manipulating  
15 means are encased in a protective sheath.  
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- 17 21. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the apparatus is manipulated via remote  
18 control.  
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- 20 22. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein no portion of the pulling mechanism is  
21 outside the boundary of the rotary table when in the activated position.  
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- 23 23. A well drilling process comprising the steps of:  
24 constructing a power slip apparatus comprising at least:  
25 (a) a slip base located on a rotary table;  
26 (b) a pulling mechanism pivotally attached to the slip base;  
27 (c) slips connected to the pulling mechanism; and  
28 manipulating the pulling mechanism between an activated and a deactivated  
29 wherein no portion of the pulling mechanism is outside of the boundary of the  
30 rotary table.  
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- 1     24.     The well drilling process of claim 23, wherein the pulling mechanism is  
2             manipulated by means of a cylinder.  
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- 4     25.     The well drilling process of claim 23, wherein the pulling mechanism is  
5             manipulated by means of a spring.  
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- 7     26.     The well drilling process of claim 24, wherein the cylinder comprises a hydraulic  
8             cylinder.  
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- 10    27.     The well drilling process of claim 24, wherein the cylinder comprises a pneumatic  
11            cylinder.  
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- 13    28.     The well drilling process of claim 23, wherein the pulling mechanism is  
14            manipulated via remote control.  
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- 16    29.     The well drilling process of claim 23, wherein the pulling mechanism exhibits a  
17            parallelogram geometry both in the activated and deactivated position.  
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- 19    30.     The well drilling process of claim 23, wherein no portion of the pulling  
20            mechanism is outside the boundary of the rotary table when in an activated  
21            position.  
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